

We Claim:

1. A method of conducting a secure process between an originating device and a target device, said method comprising steps of:
 - inputting security key information into said originating device;
 - 5 establishing said process between said originating device and said target device;
 - suspending said process at a stage prior to completion thereof; and
 - enabling the suspended process to proceed to completion dependent upon inputting corresponding key information into said target device.
- 10 2. A method according to claim 1, whereby said security key information is one of a physical key and an electronic key.
3. A method according to claim 1, whereby said security key is an electronic public key, and said corresponding key is a physical key being a private key.
- 15 4. System for conducting a secure process between an originating device and a target device, said originating device and said target device being interconnected by a network, said method comprising steps of:
 - means for receiving security key information at said originating device;
 - 20 means for establishing said process between said originating device and said target device;
 - means for suspending said process at a stage prior to completion thereof;
 - means for receiving corresponding key information at said target device; and
 - means for enabling the suspended process to proceed to completion dependent
 - 25 upon receipt of said corresponding key information.
5. A system according to claim 4, whereby said security key information is one of a physical key and an electronic key.

6. A method according to claim 4, whereby said security key is an electronic public key, and said corresponding key is a physical key being a private key.

7. A computer program comprising software code portions for performing the steps
5 of any one of claims 1 to 3.

8. A computer readable medium storing a computer program, wherein said
computer program comprises software code portions for performing the steps of any one
of claims 1 to 3.

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